GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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GRAMEEN SANCHAR SEVA SCHEME
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the States where the Grameen Sanchar Seva Scheme has been launched;

(b) the number of villages covered under this scheme in each of these States;

(c) whether the Government has a proposal for the expansion of the scheme in the remaining States also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Grameen Sanchar Seva (GSS) Scheme was implemented in all the States of the country except Delhi, Haryana, Punjab and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(b) A total number of 12,064 villages (as on 31.10.05) are covered under the Grameen Sanchar Seva Scheme throughout the country. State/Circle-wise details of villages covered under the scheme are given in the Annexure.

(c) No, Sir. There is no proposal at present for further expansion in Punjab, Haryana and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. In Delhi it will not be introduced as the State is served by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

ANNEXURE
NUMBER OF VILLAGES COVERED UNDER GRAMEEN SANCHAR SEVA SCHEME

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	No. of villages covered under GSS Scheme
1	Andhra Pradesh	153
2	Assam	402
3	Bihar	2465
4	Jharkhand	856
5	Gujarat	172
6	Himachal Pradesh	163
7	Jammu & Kashmir	32
8	Karnataka	529
9	Kerala	105
10	Madhya Pradesh	778
11	Chhattisgarh	709
12	Maharashtra	256
13	North East-I	146
14	North East-II	25
15	Orissa	925
16	Rajasthan	132
17	Tamil Nadu	671
18	Uttar Pradesh (E)	2084
19	Uttar Pradesh (W)	499
20	Uttaranchal	726
21	West Bengal	236
	Total	12064